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SUBJECT: NEW SECRETARY TO FMG; JARRING PEP TALK

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1. NEW SECRETARY TO FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT, APPOINTED APRIL 1, IS ALHAJI LIMAN CIROMA, HIGHLY REGARDED 47-YEAR -OLD CIVIL SERVANT WHO HAS SERVED SINCE JULY 1975 AS PERMSEC IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (REF).

2. FORMER SMG ALLISON AYIDA HAS GONE INTO RETIREMENT WITH KUDOS FROM SMC FOR HIS SERVICE TO NATION. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED AYIDA GENUINELY WANTED TO RETIRE AND WAS NOT FORCED OUT, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN PERIODIC RUMORS HIS JOB WAS IN JEOPARDY. IMPLIED CRITICISM MIGHT BE SEEN IN JARRING LECTURE HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO GAVE FEDERAL PERMSECS IN APRIL 5 MEETING AT DODAN BARRACKS. THOUGH HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL SERVICE, AND TOLD PERMSECS THAT NATION IS BLESSED IN HAVING PEOPLE "LIKE SOME OF YOU" AS HEADS OF MINISTRIES, OBSANJO DWELLED AT DISTRESSING LENGTH ON "THE CONTEMPT, DISREGARD AND DISRESPECT IN WHICH PUBLIC OFFICERS ARE HELD AND TREATED." HE WARNED PERMSECS TO "SIT UP AND RE-EXAMINE" THEMSELVES "IN A FRANK AND OPENMANNER IN ORDER TO REMEDY YOUR OWN SHORT-
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COMINGS, WHICH, NO DOUBT, ARE MANY," AND TOLD THEM PUT THEIR HOUSES IN ORDER AND GET "RID OF BAD EGGS WITHOUT PROMPTING."

3. PRAISE VOICED FOR CIROMA AS A MAN (CF. //NEW NIGERIAN// EDITORIAL APRIL 4) SHOULD HELP BOLSTER EFFORTS STRENGTHEN PROFESSIONAL ETHICS OF CIVIL SERVICE, BUT OBASANJO'S LECTURE, WIDELY REPORTED IN PRESS, MAY CAUSE CIVIL SERVANTS LOSE EVEN

MORE OF THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE AND INCREASE PARALYSIS THAT IT
WAS INTENDED CURE. MOTIVATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AS PRACTICED BY
NIGERIAN MILITARY LEADERSHIP IS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO UNDER-
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